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(2) At page 4, left column, line 2 from the bottom to right  
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[0026] In the carbon black-dispersed solution obtained by the method of the present invention, carbon black particles are homogeneously dispersed. Specifically, for example, the carbon black particles have a median diameter of 100 nm or less, and a maximum particle diameter of 500 nm or less.